

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 147 - HB 141

February 19, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the *Tennessee Health Carrier Grievance and External Review Procedure Act*. Authorizes an aggrieved person to forward additional information to an external review organization after six business days following the date of notice of acceptance for external review from the respective health carrier. Requires the review organization to consider such additional information when conducting the external review. Requires the external review organization to forward such additional information to the appropriate health carrier no later than one business day after receiving such information. Requires an external review organization to review any information within six business days of receipt. Reduces, from forty-five to forty days, the period of time an external review organization must provide written notice to the appropriate health carrier of a decision to uphold or reverse an adverse determination or the final adverse determination. Expands, from one day to two days, the period of time from which an external review organization must communicate to a health carrier, the decision to uphold or reverse an adverse determination.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the proposed legislation will place the state's external review law into compliance with the minimum requirements that are federally mandated.
- According to the Department, there will be no significant fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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